

Have you heard?

Local racial heroes honored

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WATSONVILLE — Today through Saturday, the YWCA of Watsonville will join 345 member associations in thousands of communities nationwide by taking part in the National Days of Commitment to Eliminate Racism.

The focal point of the three days will be the Racial Justice Heroes Award benefit set for Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight. At this event, the eight outstanding individuals who will be recognized for their efforts in creating racial justice locally are Guillermo Aranda, Anai-i Aranda, Bonnie Gutierrez, Lucina Jiminez, Susan Olson, Lillian Roybal Rose, Barry Staley, and Florence Wycoff.

Two additional events taking place during the three days include a Dialogue on Race Relations held tonight, which the community is invited to at no charge, and the Poetry Reading on Racial Justice on Friday evening, for which a \$3 to \$5 fee is requested. All events will be held at the YWCA Community House, 340 E. Beach St., Watsonville.

The YWCA is the nation's oldest and largest women's organization. Over the last century, it has taken a leadership role in promoting racial justice.

Ticket price for the awards dinner is \$25 and should be purchased in advance. For more information about the Racial Justice Initiative, or to purchase tickets for the awards benefit, contact the YWCA, 724-6078.